

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2005.

Claims 1-31 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. Claims 15-25 and 31 were withdrawn and claims 1-14, and 26-30 were rejected by the Examiner.

The present Response amends claims 1, 26 and 28, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1-14 and 26-30. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

Claim 28 is objected to for having improper antecedent basis. Claim 28 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for this claim.

Claims 1-8, 12-14 and 26-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ladd et al. U.S. Patent 6,269,336. Claims 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ladd et al., in view of Uppaluru, U.S. Patent 5,915,001.

Claim 1 as amended reads as follows:

1. A method for providing audio access to information through a communication device, comprising the steps of:
receiving an audio request for information;
obtaining the information; and,
executing the obtained information, further comprising generating an intermediary form of the information and caching the intermediary form of the information.

Neither Ladd or Uppaluru alone or in combination include caching an intermediate form of information. Uppaluru does describe caching voice information but does not disclose caching the information in an intermediary form. Ladd does not describe caching. For this reason, the combination of Ladd and Uppaluru would not produce the system of claim 1, and this claim is believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-5, 7-8, 10-14 are dependent upon claims 1 and for that reason are believed to be allowable. Some of these claims also have additional limitations that are not shown in the cited references alone or in combination. For example, claim 8 includes generating array representing the information. The array can be the intermediate form. None of the references disclose the use of an array as intermediary form.

Claim 26 as amended reads as follows:

26. An apparatus for generating an audio response during a voice browsing session, comprising:
a voice browser; and,
a prompt audio object generating audio in response to a request wherein the prompt audio object includes prerecorded audio information and tags uniquely identifying the audio information to the voice browser.

None of the cited references alone or in combination include a voice browser and a prompt audio object, where a prompt audio object includes a prerecorded audio information tag uniquely identifying the audio information to the vice browser. Ladd and Uppaluru do not disclose the use of tags which uniquely identify the audio information. For this reason claim 26 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 28 and 30 are dependent upon claim 26 and for that reason and because of additional limitations to these claims, these claims are believed to allowable. For example, claim 28 says that the prerecorded audio information is periodically updated. This is not disclosed in the cited references. Ladd describes a pointer which can be updated within the parse tree of the voice information, but does not describe a periodically updating the prerecorded audio information.

For the above discussed reasons, claims 1-5, 7-8, 10-14, 26, 28 and 30 are believed to be allowable, and such are respectfully requested.

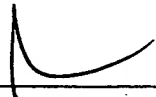
The references cited by the Examiner but not relied upon have been reviewed, but are not believed to render the claims unpatentable, either singly or in combination.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if they can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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